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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Examiner: Harris, Alana M.

Art Unit: 1643

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.